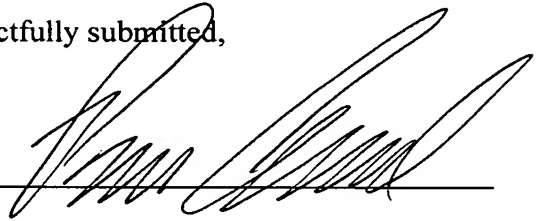


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to the specification, claims and abstract be entered prior to examination. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fixing device is provided, the fixing device using induction heating for causing alternating current to pass through an electromagnetic induction coil, provided inside a heating roller made of a metal, to cause the heating roller to generate heat to heat a member to be fixed, wherein the center of the coil in the axial and longitudinal direction is coincident with the center of a thermal load of the heating roller as a member to be heated.